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KANSAS CITY PRAIRIE HAY MARKET

Trading in prairie hay at Kansas City dropped to very meager volume during the week ending March 25, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Arrivals amounted to only 3 cars, quality of which was medium or lower. Last week 14 cars were received. Shippers were inquiring for moderately priced prairie to fill outside orders for work animal feed, a seasonal expansion which generally occurs with the beginning of spring farm work. Such orders generally are based on price rather than quality, however, which makes a rather narrow margin for buyers and sellers to agree upon. They were able to pick up a car or two from the open market and other orders of similar nature were filled direct from producing areas in eastern Kansas.

Kansas City feeding interests again showed little or no interest in market offerings of prairie. Moderate cattle marketings lightened feeding requirements and they were amply protected with storage reserves accumulated last summer and fall. A few cars were received during the week on direct contracts. Sales of prairie during the week: No. 2, 1 car \$8, No. 3, 1 car \$7, 1 car \$6.50 per ton.

Movement of prairie hay from eastern Kansas to points farther west in the state continued at a fair rate, according to country advices. Poor winter wheat conditions in rather large western areas promise little or no early pasturage and supplementary feeding will have to be continued until grass and other forage becomes available.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, follow:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50

No. 3 \$5.50-7.00

No. 2 7.50-8.00

Sample 4.00-5.50

